

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 701 - HB 729

January 29, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that a physician may be readily available either at the physical setting or by telephone or telehealth, when fulfilling the requirement to provide emergency supervision during a procedure involving the use of an endoscope by a speech language pathologist.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-17-103(5)(B), a physician is required to be on the premises and provide onsite supervision if a procedure utilizing an endoscope is performed in a community setting such as a physician's office.
- The proposed legislation will allow a physician to be available by telephone or telehealth as emergency medical backup, regardless of the setting.
- The proposed legislation will not significantly impact any policies of the Department of Health or the Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Communications Disorders and Sciences had a surplus of \$84,257 in FY20-21, a surplus of \$98,142 in FY21-22, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$638,587 on June 30, 2022

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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